



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "B"

APPLICANTS: Tsuyonobu Hatazawa et al. ATTY DOCKET NO: 09792909-4673
SERIAL NO.: 09/718,767 GROUP ART UNIT: 1745
DATE FILED: November 22, 2000 EXAMINER: J. Crepeau
INVENTION: "NONAQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE BATTERY"

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

S I R:

This Amendment "B" is filed in response to the Office Action of June 11, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:
a battery element contained in an outer covering member composed of a laminated film and sealed therein by heat seal; and
a gas absorbable material and resin material interposed between an outermost layer of said outer covering member and said battery element, a content of the gas absorbable material being in a range of 0.1wt% to 95wt% on a basis of a weight of the resin material.

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2. (Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1, wherein said gas absorbable material is a porous metal oxide or a porous carbon material.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. In the Office Action of June 11, 2002, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Objected to claim 2 for informalities.
- B.) Rejected claims 1-6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Chaloner-Gill*.
- C.) Rejected claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chaloner-Gill* in view of *Kamauchi et al.*

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and address the Examiner's disposition below.



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS	20	0	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS	3	0	() X 39.00 () X 84.00	0.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES (X) NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

- Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _____ for _____ month so that the period for response is extended to _____.
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached to cover the extension of time fee.
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached to cover the additional claim fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 2606.

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DATE: August 22, 2002

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